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SUBJECT: KREISKY ON UPCOMING BELGRADE CSCE MEETING

1. AUSTRIAN PRESS OF JUNE 14 CARRIED EXCERPTS OF CHANCELLOR

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KREISKY'S INTERVIEW WITH EST GERMAN RADIO-TV (CARRIED JUNE 13) ON UPCOMING BELGRADE CSCE MEETING. MAIN POINT MADE BY KREISKY WAS THE BELGRADE GATHERING SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR DEFICIENCIES TO DATE BUT SHOULD ALSO GENERATE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN NEXT FEW YEARS. IN LATTER CATEGORY, KREISKY CITED AS EXAMPLES, PROPOSALS FOR HOLDING

EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT WHICH, HE ADDED, HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PUT FORWARD BY HIMSELF AT HELSINKI BUT WHOSE AUTHORSHIP HAS SOMEHOW SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH SOVIET PARTY CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV.

2. ON HUMAN RIGHTS DISCUSSION, KREISKY TERMED HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF CSCE FINAL ACT AND REJECTED CHARGE MADE IN SOME QUARTERS THAT TO SPEAK OUT ON STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IS TO INTERFERE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO KREISKY, BASKET III COMMITMENTS OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT PROVIDE BASIS FOR EFFORTS WHICH AUSTRIA HAS UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF SOVIET, ROMANIAN AND CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WANTING TO EMIGRATE OR MARRY ABROAD. IN THIS CONTEXT, KREISKY QUESTIONED VIABILITY OF CHARGE BY SOVIET DISSIDENT MEDVEDEV THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS APPEALS HAVE NOT HELPED DISSIDENTS AND ASKED RHETORICALLY "WOULD SILENCE HAVE HELPED MORE?" KREISKY ALSO NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WERE NOT ONLY VIOLATED UNDER COMMUNISM BUT ALSO IN OTHER COUNTRIES, E.G. LATIN AMERICA AND THAT STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS WORLDWIDE AND INDIVISIBLE UNDERTAKING.

3. SOCIALIST PARTY PRESS (ARBEITER ZEITUNG) OF JUNE 14 CARRIED SPECIAL INTERVIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR WHICH FOLLOWED IN GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF KREISKY COMMENTS ON UPCOMING BELGRADE CSCE MEETING. TWO ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTEWORTHY POINTS WERE THAT AUSTRIA, TOGETHER WITH OTHER NEUTRALS, WILL WORK TO PREVENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO BLOCS AT BELGRADE MEETING AND THAT AUSTRIA IS WELL PREPARED TO MEET POSSIBLE CHARGES BY EE COUNTRIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AUSTRIA CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN WORKERS, EXERCISE OF SLOVENE MINORITY RIGHTS AND TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES IN VIENNA (WHO, AFTER HAVING IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL, RETURNED TO VIENNA AND ARE NOW TRYING TO OVERCOME SOVIET REFUSAL TO ALLOW THEM TO RETURN TO USSR).

4. COMMENT: NEAR-EQUAL STRESS PLACED BY KREISKY AND FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR ON CSCE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO WEST (HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION) AS WELL AS TO EAST (EUROPEAN-WIDE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS) REFLECTS ADOPTION BY GOA OF MORE MIDDLE STANCE GOING INTO BELGRADE CSCE MEETING. GOA CIRCLES ANTICIPATE ROUGH GOING AT BELGRADE AND ARE PREPARED TO WORK, ALONG WITH OTHER EUROPEAN NEUTRALS, TO MAKE

CONFERENCE A SUCCESS, SINCE IN GOA VIEW THERE ARE NO
VIALE ALTERNATIVES FOR AUSTRIA TO DETENTE. MEEHAN

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